

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

# VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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## Subject : Miscellaneous Information

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### Purpose

This memo provides information regarding:

- Special Interest License Plates for Motorcycles
- Purple Heart License Plates
- Business Partner Automation Program
- Expansion of the Enhanced Smog Check Program

### Special Interest License Plates for Motorcycles

California Coastal Commission (whale) and Yosemite motorcycle license plates are now available. The proceeds from the sale and renewal of these plates help their sponsors protect and restore the resources of the California Coast, and Yosemite National Park and Valley. The motorcycle plate is issued with the appropriate special interest decal.

#### Motorcycle Plate Decals

##### Sequential Plate Fees

Original \$50  
Renewal \$40

##### Personalized Plate Fees

Original \$90  
Renewal \$65

Original and renewal fees  
are the same for either  
decal plate.



(Shown larger than  
actual size.)



### Purple Heart License Plates

The new Purple Heart alpha-numeric license plate series is PH0001 through-PH9999.

## Business Partner Automation Program

The Department recently adopted regulations necessary to support the Business Partner Automation (BPA) Program. The BPA Program allows DMV to establish contracts with qualified industry partners who have a business need to process vehicle registration and titling transactions from their remote locations. BPA partners are currently authorized to process full year registration renewals and new vehicle reports of sale.

If you have questions regarding participation in the BPA Program, contact the BPA Administrator at (916) 657-6258.

## Expansion of the Enhanced Smog Check Program

Effective July 1, 2003, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) will expand the Enhanced Smog Check Program to include the San Francisco Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma. The Enhanced Smog Check program requires more stringent smog testing standards.

**IMPORTANT:** This information does **not** affect the status of these counties as biennial smog check counties.

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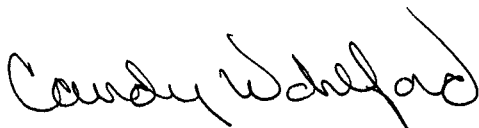
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## Contact

Contact your local DMV field office regarding questions on processing transactions or contact the DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo.

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